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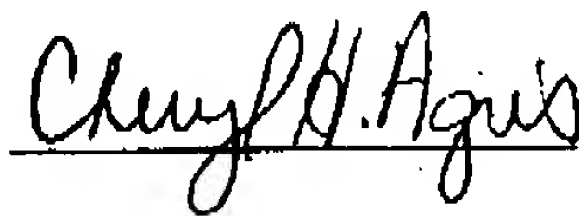
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
(IN RESPONSE TO THE MARCH 9, 2006 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on March 9, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.